

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1.-16. (canceled).
17. (new) A method for detecting an antibody wherein an examination of a disease caused by Borna disease virus (BDV) is conducted, said method comprising:
 - (a) providing a support sensitized with a BDV antigen polypeptide;
 - (b) reacting the BDV antigen polypeptide on the support with an anti-BDV antibody in a sample from a living body; and
 - (c) detecting both an IgM antibody and an IgG antibody in the reacted anti-BDV antibody.
18. (new) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim 17, wherein the BDV antigen polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of the p10 region, the p24 region and the p40 region of a BDV protein.
19. (new) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim 18, wherein the BDV antigen polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of the p24 region and the p40 region of a BDV protein.
20. (new) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim 18, wherein the antigen polypeptide from the p24 region has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or 2.
21. (new) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim 18, wherein the antigen polypeptide from the p40 region has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or 4.
22. (new) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim 18, wherein the antigen polypeptide from the p10 region has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:5, 6, 7 or 8.

23. (new) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim 17, wherein the Borna disease virus (BDV) has a property in which the class switching from the IgM antibody to the IgG antibody of immunoglobulin antibodies raised against the BDV is achieved after two months following the appearance of the IgM antibody.